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MOSCOW FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN

USBERLIN FOR THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, GW, GR, TU

SUBJECT: GOG DESIRE TO ACQUIRE F-104 G'S

REF: STATE 234580

1. PRESENT GERMAN THINKING ABOUT MILITARY AID TO GREECE AND TURKEY REMAINS AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. THE GERMANS HAVE STOPPED ALL DELIVERIES OF MILITARY AID TO BOTH COUNTRIES. THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN BY THE GERMAN FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE TIME OF THE CYPRUS CRISIS. THE DECISION IS CURRENT AS OF OCT 22 WHEN IT WAS REAFFIRMED AGAIN ACCORDING TO FMOD SOURCES. AT THE PRESENT TIME THERE IS NO PLAN TO HAVE THE FEDERAL  
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SECURITY COUNCIL RECONSIDER THE ISSUE.

2. WHEN AND IF THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL DECIDES TO RESUME MILITARY AID TO GREECE AND TURKEY, IT SEEMS CERTAIN THE FRG WOULD WISH TO PURSUE A BALANCED POLICY TOWARD BOTH COUNTRIES. THE REFTEL SUGGESTS THE POSSIBILITY OF DIVIDING THE AIRCRAFT EVENLY BETWEEN GREECE AND TURKEY. THIS SUGGESTION WOULD APPEAR TO DOVETAIL NICELY WITH THE ANTICIPATED FRG POLICY.

3. THE GERMAN NOTE VERBALE OF JANUARY 22, 1974 WHICH CONTAINS THE LIST OF 72 F-104 G'S HAS NOT YET BEEN OFFICIALLY ANSWERED BY THE USG. HOWEVER, THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT THE GERMAN AIR FORCE NOW PREFERS TO RETAIN ALL 72 AIRCRAFT FOR PURPOSES OF CANNIBALIZATION. APPARENTLY, THE GAF BELIEVES THAT INDUSTRIAL SUPPORT FOR ITS STARFIGHTER FLEET MIGHT NOT BE SUFFICIENT AND THEREFORE HAS OPTED TO CANNIBALIZE THE AIRCRAFT RATHER

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THAN SELL THEM TO A THIRD COUNTRY. THE EMBASSY HAS  
LEARNED INFORMALLY THAT THE TURKS PREVIOUSLY APPROACHED  
THE FRG WITH REGARD TO OBTAINING SOME OR ALL OF THESE  
72 AIRCRAFT, BUT THE TURKS HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT THEY  
ARE NOT AVAILABLE BECAUSE OF THE GERMAN PLAN FOR  
CANNIBALIZATION.

4. THERE WOULD SEEM TO BE TWO POSSIBLE WAYS FOR THE  
USG TO MEET THE GOG DESIRE FOR THESE AIRCRAFT ASSUMING  
FRG SUPPORT IS OBTAINED. FIRST, THE USG COULD  
EXERCISE ITS REPURCHASE RIGHTS, REACQUIRE 40 OF THE  
AIRCRAFT FROM THE FRG AND THEN SELL THEM TO GREECE.  
A SECOND POSSIBILITY WOULD BE TO CONVINCE THE FRG  
TO SELL HALF OF THE EXCESS AIRCRAFT TO GREECE AND  
HALF TO TURKEY, THE USG PROVIDING AUTHORIZATION FOR  
THE SALE AS APPROPRIATE.

5. THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
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HARTMAN CONSIDER RAISING THE SUBJECT WITH VAN WELL  
DURING THE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON OF OCT.

27. THE EMBASSY WILL ADVISE VAN WELL THAT THE SUBJECT  
MAY BE RAISED. HARTMAN MIGHT ALSO CONSIDER A MEETING  
WITH FMOD STATE SECRETARY MANN ON THE AFTERNOON OF  
OCT. 28. MANN IS THE KEY DECISION-MAKER IN FMOD ON  
THIS ISSUE, AND IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT TO CONSULT WITH  
HIM TO OBTAIN FRG SUPPORT.

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